

Policy Title: 14.0 Prioritization of Resolutions for Action

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BACKGROUND

The purpose of this policy is to provide a framework for prioritization of resolutions for action. The Executive values the direction of boards of education with respect to the work of the Association provided by way of adoption of resolutions. Resolutions play a significant role in development of the Association's strategic plan. Limited resources require the prioritization of resolutions.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to the Association and its members.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Process for Resolutions to Come to Resolutions and Policy Development Committee
 - 1.1. The sponsor shall, in submitting a resolution to the Resolutions and Policy Development Committee or when moving a resolution from the floor during a general meeting, include:
 - 1.1.1. A strategic link to one of the Association's Position Statements;
 - 1.1.2. A rationale for the resolution (see Bylaw No. 11 – Amendments to Bylaws, Clause 3); and
 - 1.1.3. A statement of the anticipated resources the sponsor considers to be necessary to appropriately act on the resolution.
 - 1.2. The Resolutions and Policy Development Committee will email the package of resolutions to be presented at the Annual General Meeting to boards and be posted to the Association's website by the end of October each year. The resolution package will also be included in the Fall General Assembly registration package.
2. Process Once Resolutions Are Adopted
 - 2.1. Resolutions adopted by the membership will be acted upon within a three-year period following the date of adoption.
 - 2.2. During the three-year period for action on an adopted resolution, members are encouraged not to re-submit the resolution.
 - 2.3. In prioritizing resolutions adopted by the membership, the Executive shall take the following considerations into account:
 - 2.3.1. Whether the action directed falls within a strategic initiative of the strategic plan for the year following the annual general meeting or can be easily incorporated into the work plan of the Association within the approved operating budget for the year;
 - 2.3.2. The urgent or emergent nature of the action being directed, regardless of budget implications;
 - 2.3.3. The impact on boards of not acting on the resolution in the year following its adoption;

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- 2.3.4. Percentage of support adopting a resolution may be taken into consideration, however it shall not be the first or predominant consideration in prioritization of a resolution for action.
 - 2.4. The Executive will inform the membership of its prioritization for action within 90 days of the date which the resolution was adopted.
 - 2.5. If the resolution is not prioritized for action in the year following its adoption, the Executive shall determine when it will be acted upon.
 - 2.6. The Executive will ensure that reporting on resolutions occurs at least annually and that the report includes all resolutions adopted in the previous three years.
3. Actualizing Adopted Resolutions
 - 3.1. Following the Fall General Assembly where resolutions are adopted, the SSBA Staff will bring a recommendation to the Executive for approval, which will include a brief plan of action and assignment of responsibility for each adopted resolution.
 - 3.2. Reporting on adopted resolutions will be a standing item on each Executive meeting.

REFERENCES

- SSBA Bylaw No. 4.2 – Executive – Powers and Duties
SSBA Bylaw No. 10 – Resolutions
SSBA Bylaw No. 11 – Amendments to Bylaws